



## REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2001. The status of the claims is as follows: Claims 1 and 24-44 stand rejections. Per this amendment Claim 1 has been deleted. No claims have been added or amendment.

The Examiner rejected Claim 1 as being in conflict with conflict with Claim 1 of U.S. Patent Number 6,141,654. In response, Claim 1 has been cancelled.

The Examiner rejected Claims 24, 31, 38, and all subsequent under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,141,654. In response, a Terminal Disclaimer is concurrently filed herewith without making any admission as to the scope and/or coverage of the respective claims.

Based on the amendments and reasoning provided above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in connection for allowance. If the Examiner finds reason not to allow all claims, than a telephone interview with the Attorney signed below is respectfully requested. Reconsideration of all claims and an early indication of allowance are also respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the claims:

Please cancel Claim 1.

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